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III. Remarks

Claims 1-12 presently stand rejected on the basis of prior art. By this paper, Applicants are amending claims 1, 7, 11, and 12, and canceling claims 13-15. Accordingly, claims 1-12 are pending. Reconsideration and further examination of this application are respectfully requested.

Further Claim Clarifications

Prior to discussing the cited references, it is believed that a brief discussion of the current form of the claims of this application is warranted. Claims 1, 7, 11, and 12 have been amended to clarify that which Applicants regard as the subject matter of the present invention. Claims 1, 7, 11, and 12 have been amended to recite at least one attachment boss. No new matter has been added

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Responsive to the rejections of claims 1, 2, 3, 6, and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), *Munger et al.* fail to teach each and every element as claimed in claims 1, 2, 3, 6, and 7 in the present application. A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either explicitly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite the step of providing a substrate having a first side, a second side, and a periphery connecting the first side and the second side. Additionally, claim 1 has been amended to recite the attachment surface continuously extending along the second side of the substrate adjacent to the periphery of the substrate. *Munger et al.* do not disclose the attachment surface continuously extending along the second side of the substrate adjacent to the

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periphery of the substrate. *Munger et al.* disclose the bracket 25 located in the center of the compression molded piece 23, and not adjacent to the periphery. (*Munger et al.*, col. 2, line 64 – col. 4, line 14, Fig. 1). Accordingly, claim 1 is not anticipated by *Munger et al.*

Claims 2, 3, 6, and 7 depend on amended claim 1. Thus, claims 2, 3, 6, and 7 are allowable for the reasons provided above.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Responsive to the rejection of claims 4, 5, 8, 9, and 11-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Munger et al.* in view of *Baba et al.*, *Munger et al.* in view of *Baba et al.* do not teach or suggest all of the elements of claims 4, 5, 8, 9, and 11-12.

Regarding *Munger et al.*, claims 4, 5, 8, 9, and 11-12 depends on amended claim 1. Therefore, *Munger et al.* does not teach or suggest all the elements of claims 4, 5, 8, 9, and 11-12 for the reasons provided above.

Regarding *Baba et al.*, *Baba et al.* do not teach or suggest the attachment surface continuously extending along the second side of the substrate adjacent to the periphery of the substrate, as recited in claim 1. *Baba et al.* disclose a plurality of ribs 7 provided at predetermined intervals, and do not disclose a continuous attachment. (*Baba et al.*, col. 5, lines 22-27, Fig. 1). Additionally, *Baba et al.* do not disclose the ribs 7 being located adjacent to the periphery of the substrate as defined in amended claim 1. Therefore, it would not be obvious to modify *Munger et al.* to include the elements of claims 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, and 11-12, and the combination with *Baba et al.* does not cure these deficiencies.

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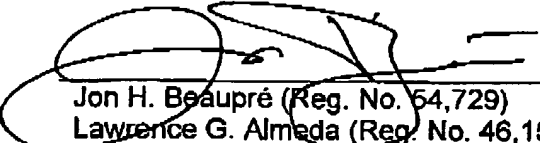
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Conclusion

Thus, claims 1-12 should be allowed and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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